

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this continuation application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

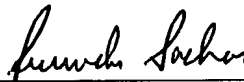
This application is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 10/136,279, filed on May 2, 2002, which has been allowed. More particularly, this application and preliminary amendment present method claims corresponding to an image formation apparatus presented in the parent application.

Claims 1-10, the title, specification, and abstract are amended to reflect the pending method claims.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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